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To those who desire a cheaper work, Chambers's Encyclopædia offers superior attractions. It will be completed in about eighty parts, at the cost of but fifteen cents for each part. It is comprehensive in its scope; the articles, though concise, are thorough and elaborate; and the numerous illustrations, especially of objects in natural history, add largely to its value. As might be expected, it is, for our public, somewhat deficient in purely American titles; but it has as large a proportion of these as could be reasonably anticipated from so distant a point of view.

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22. — *History of France, from the Earliest Times to* MDCCCXLVIII. By the Rev. JAMES WHITE, Author of "The Eighteen Christian Centuries." New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1859. 8vo. pp. 571.

A SUCCINCT and popular history of France has long been a desideratum. This want is well supplied by Mr. White, whose work has the merits of careful preparation, well-devised method and arrangement, and spirited narrative. The style, ordinarily pure and classical, sometimes sinks too low in deference to the imagined tastes of the larger public, and sometimes departs from the calmness of history in an appeal to the passions of the readers. The author's point of view is strictly Anglican, and, where national feeling is compromised, though facts are not mutilated or suppressed, they are uniformly represented in the aspect in which they were regarded from across the Channel. But, with these qualifications, we give the book our hearty praise, and thank the author for a positive and great service to the English and American public.

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23. — *A History of the Four Georges, Kings of England; containing Personal Incidents of their Lives, Public Events of their Reigns, and Biographical Notices of their chief Ministers, Courtiers, and Favorites.* By SAMUEL M. SMUCKER, LL. D., Author of "Court and Reign of Catherine II.," "Memorable Scenes in French History," "Life and Times of Alexander Hamilton," etc. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1860. 12mo. pp. 454.

DR. SMUCKER has succeeded perfectly in conveying to his readers an adequate knowledge of the weaknesses, meannesses, and follies of the four Georges, the stupid debauchery of three of them, and the unredeemed scoundrelism of the last. But the book has no value beyond this. Its history is meagre and fragmentary. Its dates are too few were they accurate; too many for the haphazard way in which they